

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

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10. (New) A method of protecting skin against skin aging caused by oxidation, said method comprising applying to skin an effective amount therefor of a cosmetic or dermatological composition comprising a first ingredient which is at least one member selected from the group consisting of ascorbic acid and an ascorbyl compound and a second ingredient which is α -glucosylrutin.

11. (New) The method according to claim 10, wherein the α -glucosylrutin is present in the cosmetic or dermatological composition in a concentration of about 0.01% to about 10.0% by weight of the composition.

12. (New) The method according to claim 11, wherein the α -glucosylrutin is present in the cosmetic or dermatological composition in a concentration of about 0.05% to about 5.0% by weight of the composition.

13. (New) The method according to claim 11, wherein the first ingredient is present in the cosmetic or dermatological composition in a concentration of about 0.001% to about 10.0% by weight of the composition.

14. (New) The method according to claim 11, wherein the first ingredient is present in the cosmetic or dermatological composition in a concentration of about 0.1% to about 2.0 % by weight of the composition.

15. (New) The method according to claim 11, wherein the cosmetic or dermatological composition further comprises one or more complexing agents.

16. (New) The method according to claim 15, wherein the complexing agents are selected from the group consisting of tartaric acid and anions thereof, citric acid and anions thereof, and aminopolycarboxylic acids and anions thereof.

17. (New) The method according to claim 15, wherein the complexing agents are selected from the group consisting of ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid and anions thereof, nitrilotriacetic acid and anions thereof, hydroxyethylenediaminetriacetic acid and anions thereof, diethylenediaminopentaacetic acid and anions thereof, and trans-1,2-diaminocyclohexanetetraacetic acid and anions thereof.

18. (New) The method according to claim 15, wherein the complexing agent is present in the cosmetic or dermatological composition in a concentration of about 0.01% to about 10.0% by weight of the composition.

19. (New) The method according to claim 15, wherein the complexing agent is present in the cosmetic or dermatological composition in a concentration of about 0.05% to about 5.0% by weight of the composition.

20. (New) The method according to claim 15, wherein the complexing agent is present in the cosmetic or dermatological composition in a concentration of about 0.1% to about 2.0% by weight of the composition.